

# Northern Virginia Gang Task Force



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#### **Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force Progress Report to the Community**

**WHAT:**

Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force representatives will present a progress report to the community on gang suppression, prevention and intervention efforts in the region.

**WHEN:**

Monday, July 17, 2006, at 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 232  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia

**WHO:**

NVRGTF Chairman Town of Herndon Chief of Police Toussaint Summers will introduce Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly to welcome the speakers including:

- U.S. Representative Frank R. Wolf, 10th District
- U.S. Representative Tom Davis, 11th District
- Town of Leesburg Chief of Police Joseph Price, Co-Chairman, NVRGTF
- Kenneth Melson, First Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern Division
- Jim Dedes, Director of Court Services, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and Chairman, NVRGTF Intervention Steering Board
- Robert Vilchez, Intervention Coordinator, Arlington County, Falls Church

The Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force was formed in 2003 to "provide assistance to jurisdictions within the Northern Virginia area in prosecuting and impacting gang activities and furthering their scope to include prevention and intervention." The task force has been funded

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since 2003 through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Members of the task force include the chief law enforcement officers from each jurisdiction, state and federal law enforcement partners representing enforcement efforts, and court service unit directors and intervention coordinators representing prevention/intervention efforts.

The goals of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force encompass a collaborative gang prevention effort focused on enforcement, education and intervention/prevention.

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